



Nuttallburg Mining Complex and Town

Implementation Plan

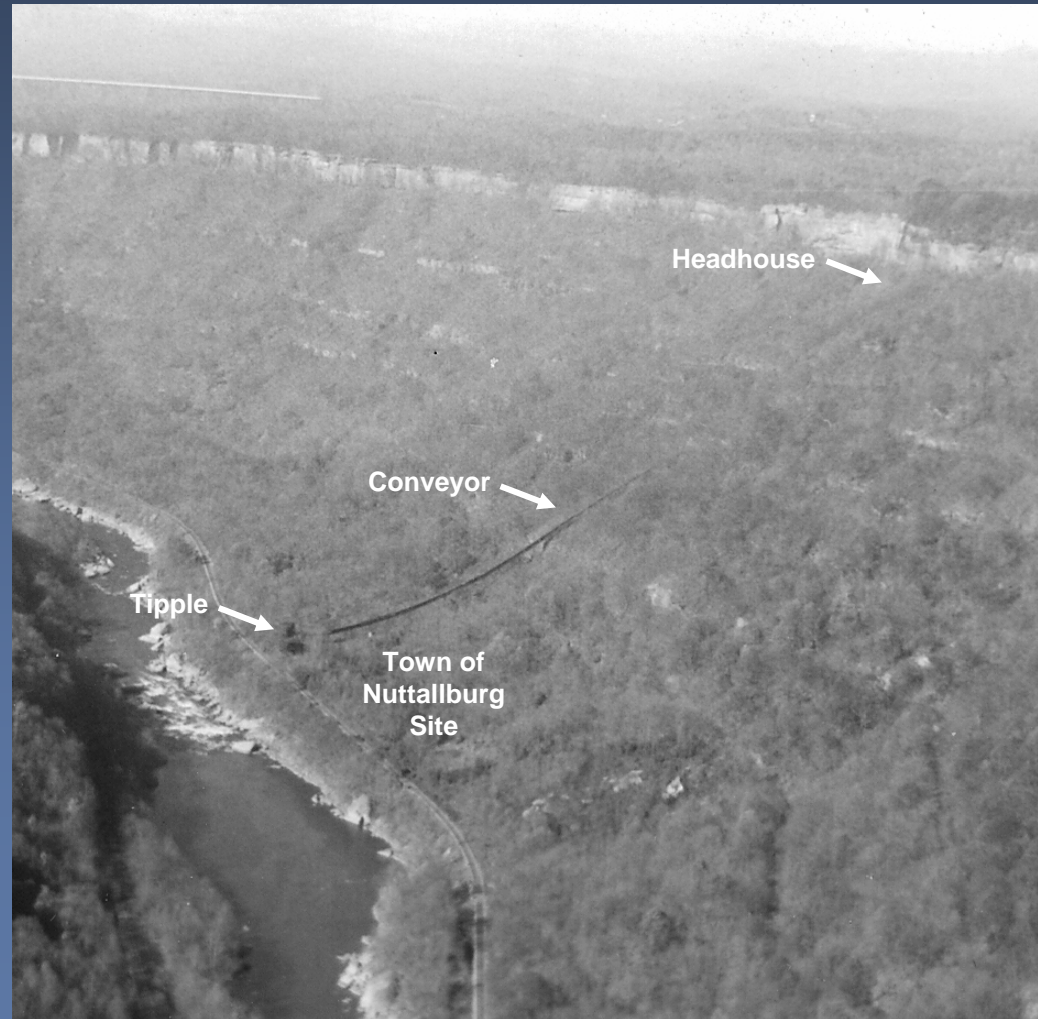
- The Nuttallburg Mining Complex and Town Site is the only nationally significant historic resource within New River Gorge National River
- The National Park Service is currently stabilizing the historic headhouse, conveyor, and tipple at the mine site
- The National Park Service would like to make the site more accessible to visitors, including providing opportunities to learn about the history of coal mining and the lives of mining families in the gorge
- The Implementation Plan is identifying and evaluating alternatives for accomplishing this goal



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Historic Context

- John Nuttall established the Nuttall Mine in 1873, the same year that the extension of the C&O Railroad into New River Gorge made possible industrial scale coal mining in the area
- By the 1890s the Nuttall Mine was one of the largest and most productive mines in the gorge
- Coal was mined at the base of the Nuttall Sandstone and transferred from a headhouse to the river via a conveyor, where a tippie loaded it onto waiting rail cars



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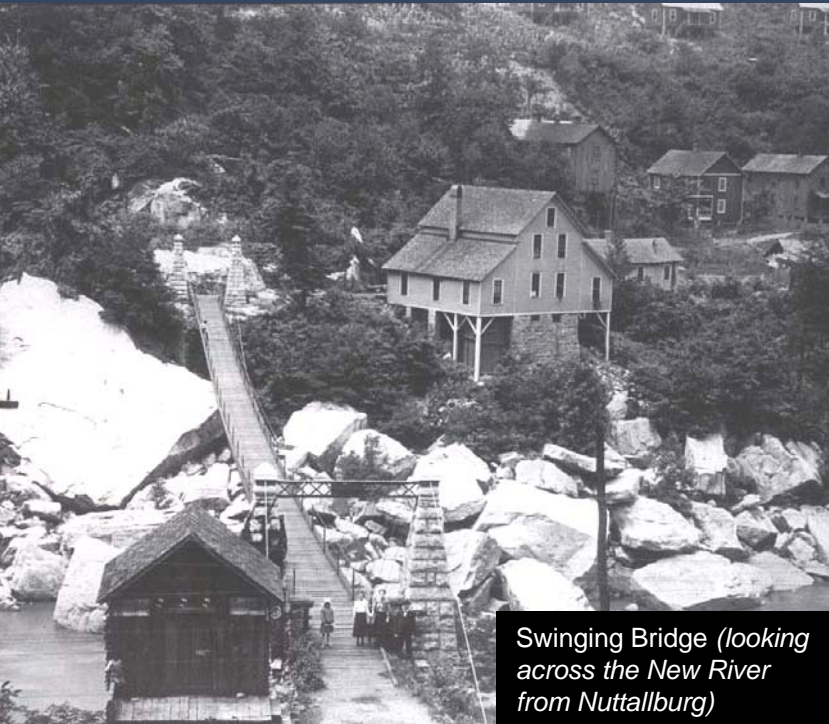
Historic Context *(continued)*

- Henry Ford purchased the mine in the early 1920s, as part of his effort to acquire control of raw materials needed for automobile production at his Rouge River Plant in Dearborn, Michigan
- He built the headhouse, conveyor, and tippie that remain on the site today
- In 1928 the Ford Motor Company sold the mine to the Maryland New River Coal Company
- Nuttall Mine was closed in 1958
- The National Park Service acquired the site in 1996





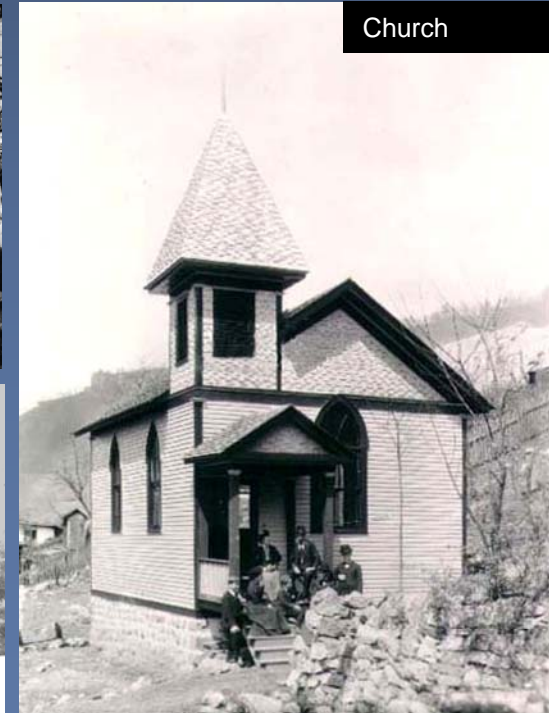
Nuttallburg Circa 1926



Swinging Bridge (looking across the New River from Nuttallburg)



Nuttall Station



Church



Nuttallburg circa 1926



Nuttallburg Today



Conveyor



Swinging Bridge Pier



Coal Car Ruin



Nuttallburg Town Site



Headhouse



Nuttallburg Town Site



Town Store



Nuttallburg's Significance

Site Significance

- 1 the park's only nationally significant historic resource
- 2 historically significant because of its mining structures and their association with the industrial innovation of Henry Ford
- 3 representative of coal deposits and mining activities that are intertwined with the geology, industry, and settlement characteristic of the gorge
- 4 history connected to the main line railroad that runs on both sides of the New River and the Nuttallburg site and includes rail connections of national significance
- 5 extensive remains of the Town of Nuttallburg provide an opportunity to interpret the cultural life of miners and their communities





Nuttallburg – Site Management Objectives

Resource Management Objectives

- 1 protect and enhance the remaining elements of the colliery, related significant rail rights-of-way, and town
- 2 preserve the tree canopy and protect native vegetation
- 3 avoid adverse impacts to endangered bats that inhabit areas within the site



Nuttallburg – Site Management Objectives

Enable visitors to understand and appreciate:

- 1 how the geology of the gorge formed upper level coal seams that were very difficult to access**
- 2 the ingenuity and innovation required to mine the gorge's coal deposits and transport the coal to market**
- 3 how the Nuttallburg mine played a role in the vertical integration of industry pioneered by Henry Ford in the 1920s**
- 4 the harsh conditions that prevailed for miners and the mining community of Nuttallburg and similar communities throughout the gorge**



Nuttallburg – Site Management Objectives

Visitor Experience Objectives

- 1 provide a variety of ways for visitors to experience the resource safely
- 2 take full advantage of the existing rail rights-of-way and historic traces within the site to connect to and enhance the park trail system



Nuttallburg – Site Management Objectives

Park Management Objectives

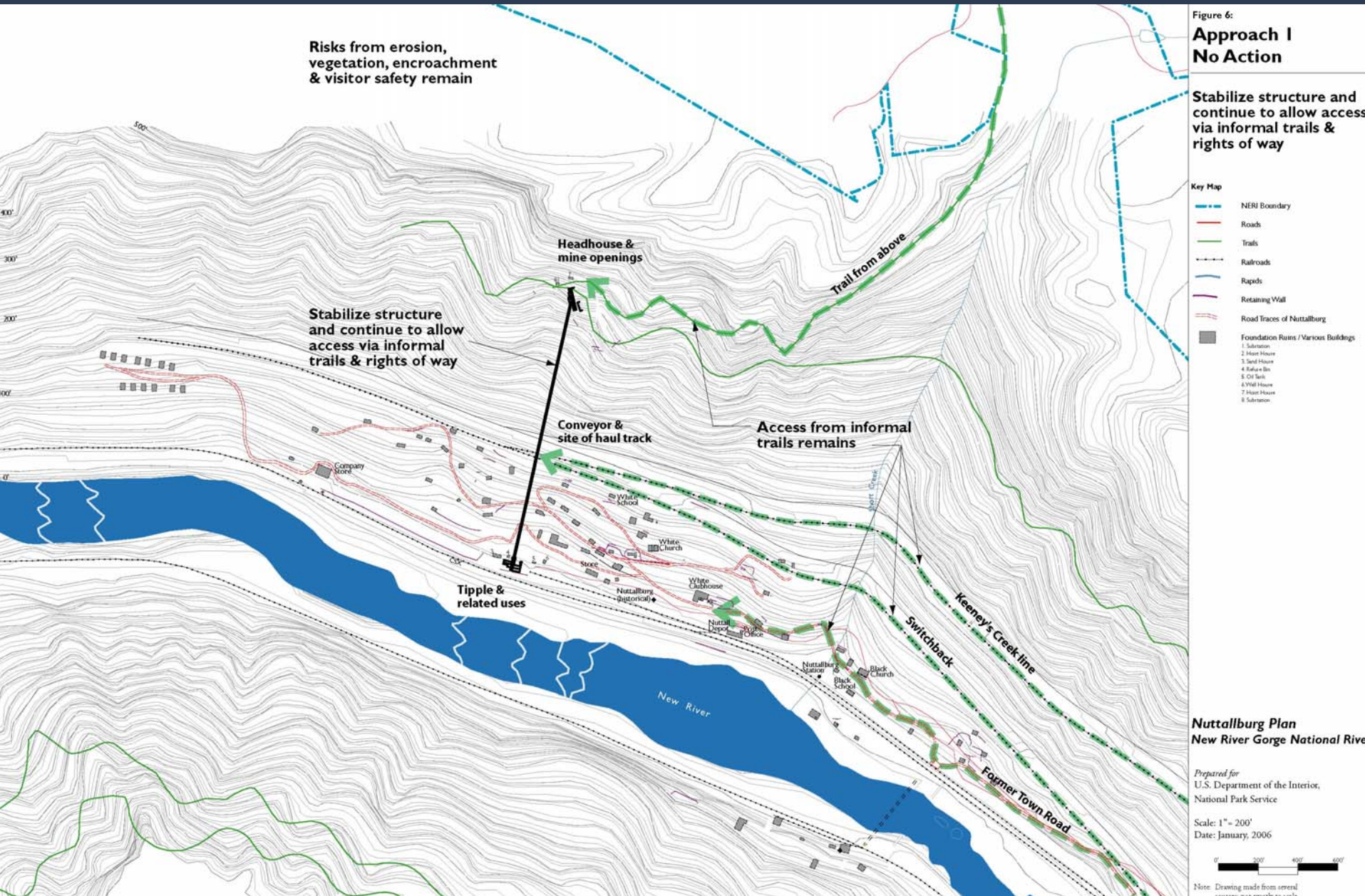
- 1 provide support facilities needed for the intended and projected levels of use
- 2 achieve desired conditions for natural and man-made resources of the site that are feasible to be maintained by NPS



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Four Management Alternatives for Consideration





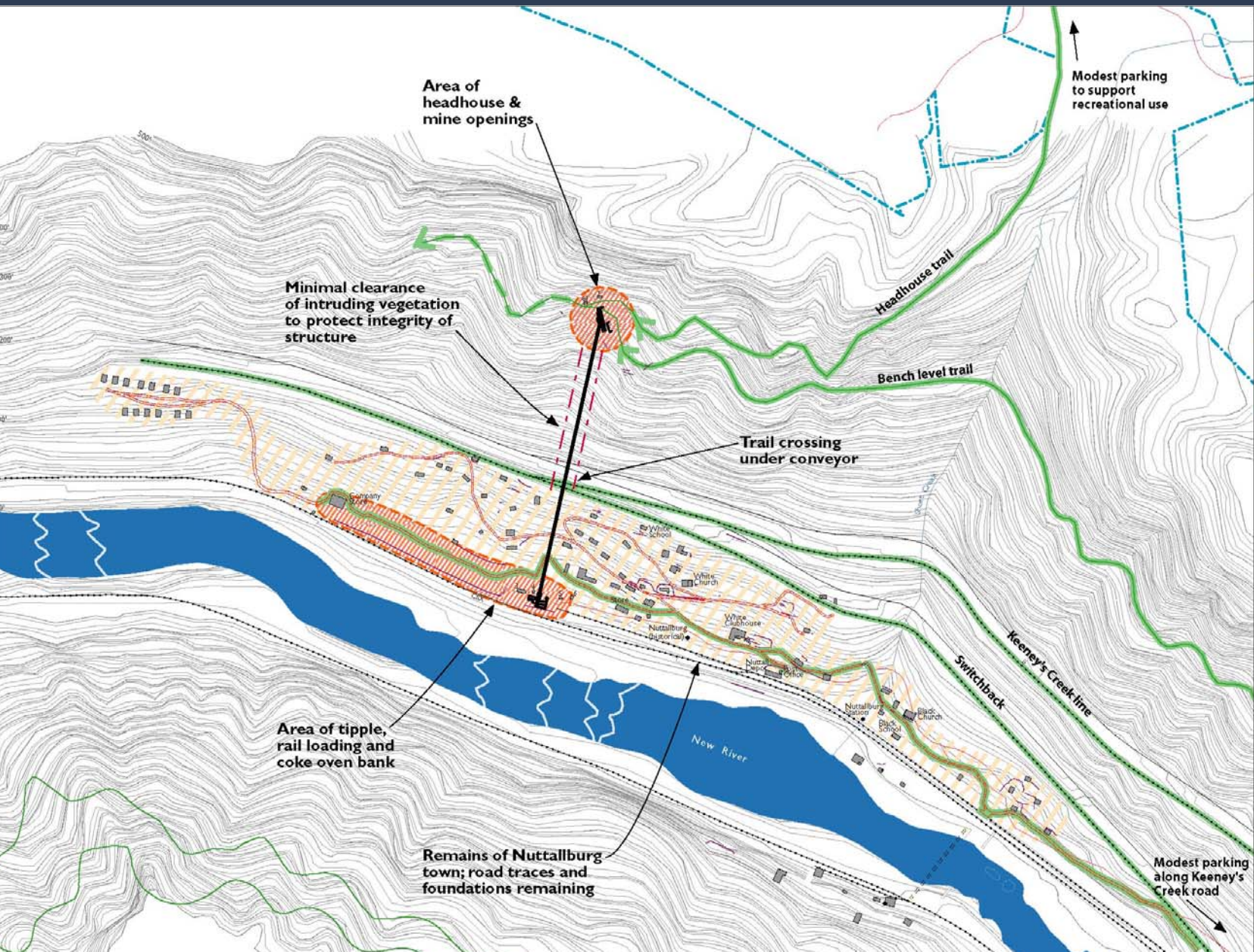


Figure 7:
**Approach 2
Multiple Settings
on Recreational
Trails**

Rehabilitate nationally significant elements of the mine as destinations for trail system

- Key Map**
- NERR Boundary
 - Roads
 - Trails
 - Railroad
 - Rapids
 - Retaining Wall
 - Road Traces of Nuttallburg
 - Primary settings for interpretation
 - Secondary settings for interpretation
 - Foundation Ruins / Various Buildings
 - 1. Solmine
 - 2. Hawk House
 - 3. Sand House
 - 4. Refuse Pit
 - 5. Old Bank
 - 6. Wall House
 - 7. Hawk House
 - 8. Solmine

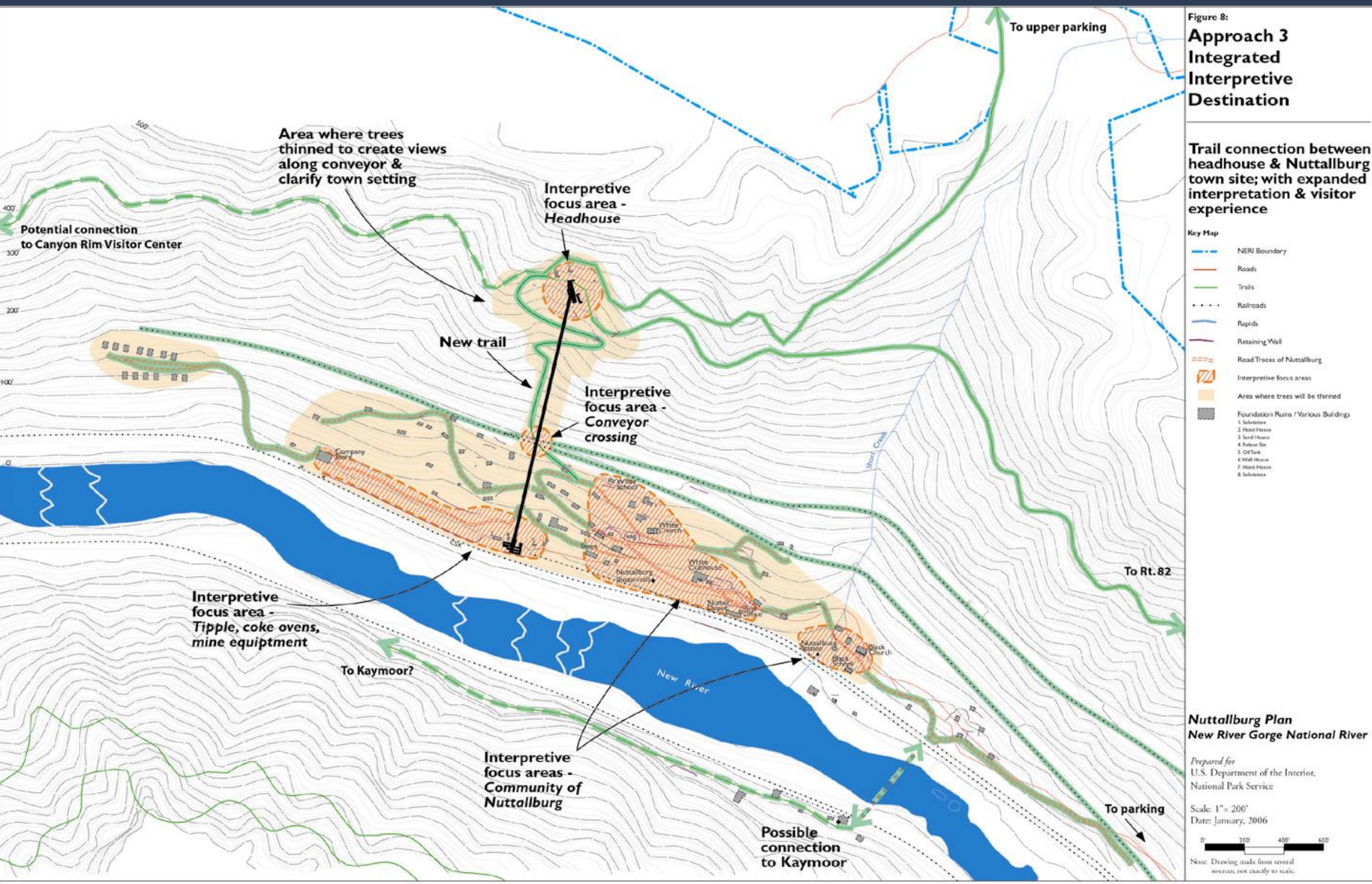
**Nuttallburg Plan
New River Gorge National River**

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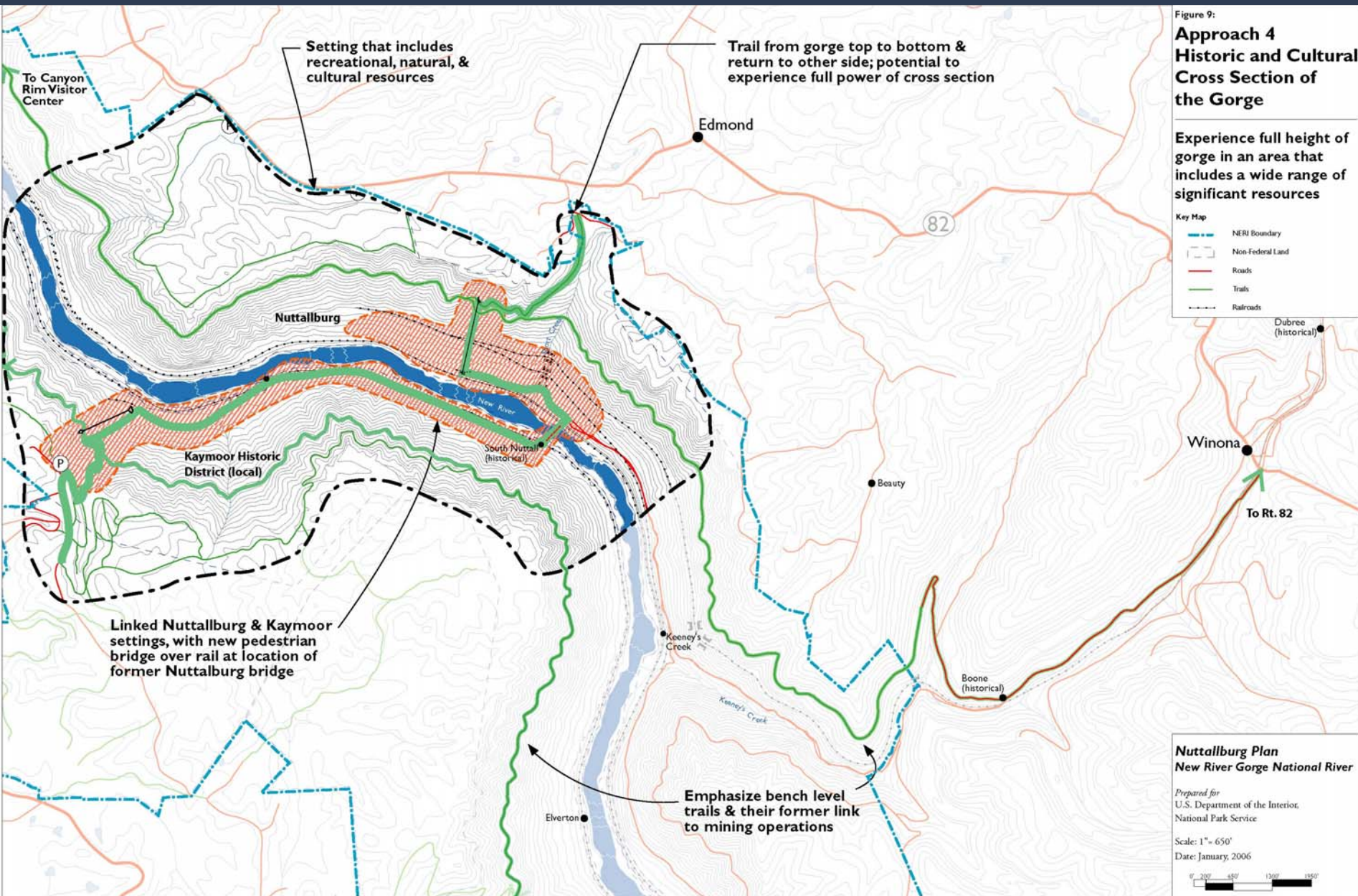
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Approach 4: Historical & Cultural Cross-Section of Gorge

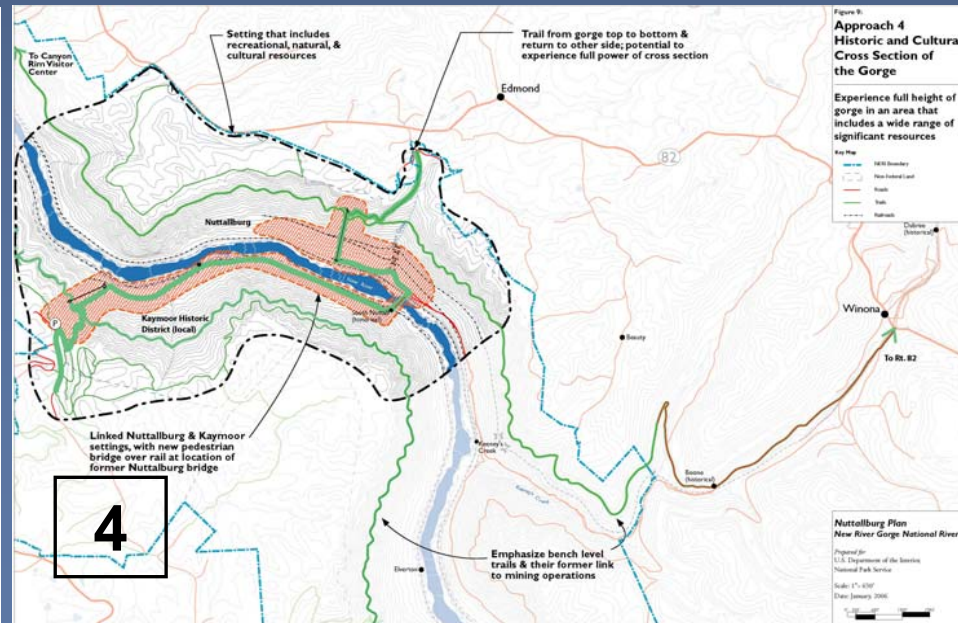
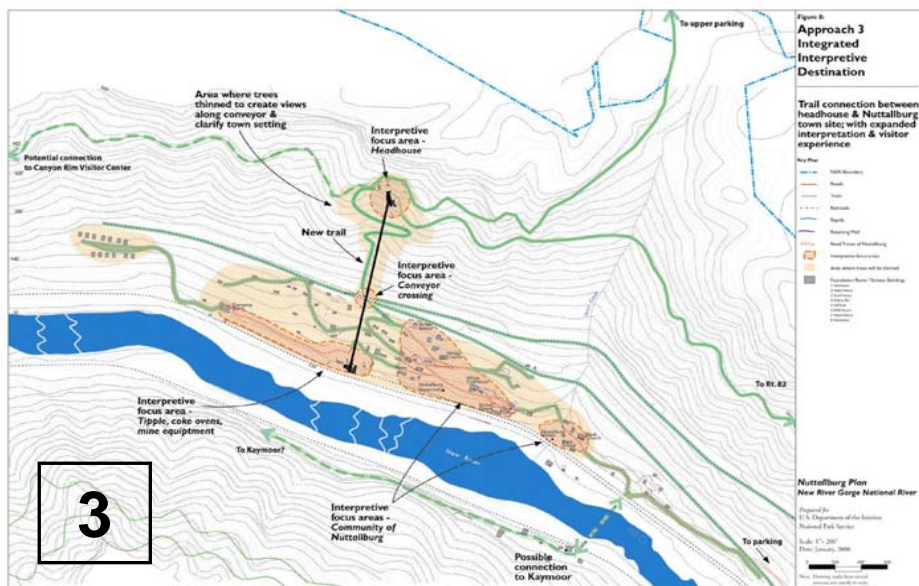
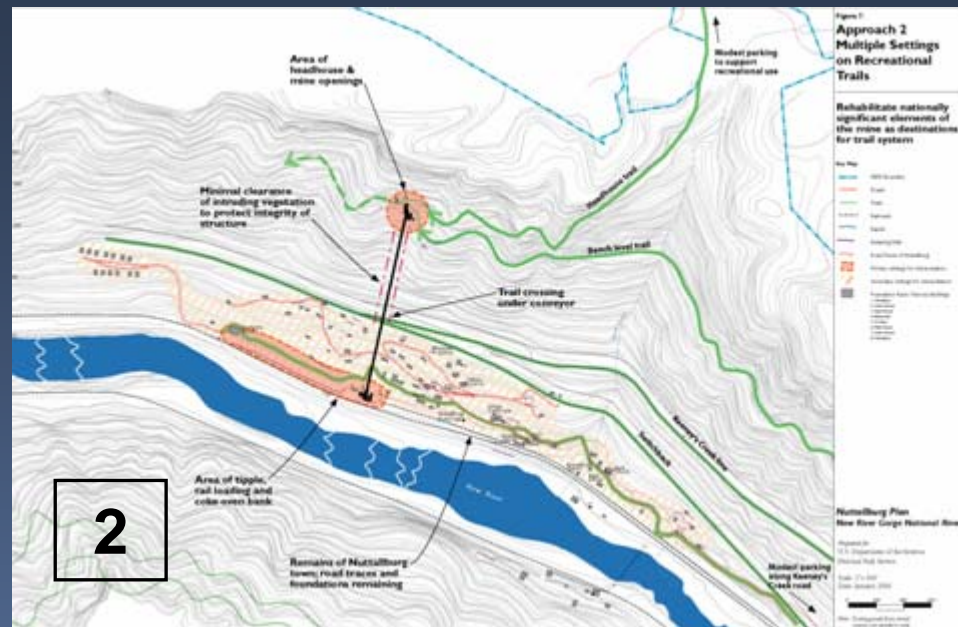
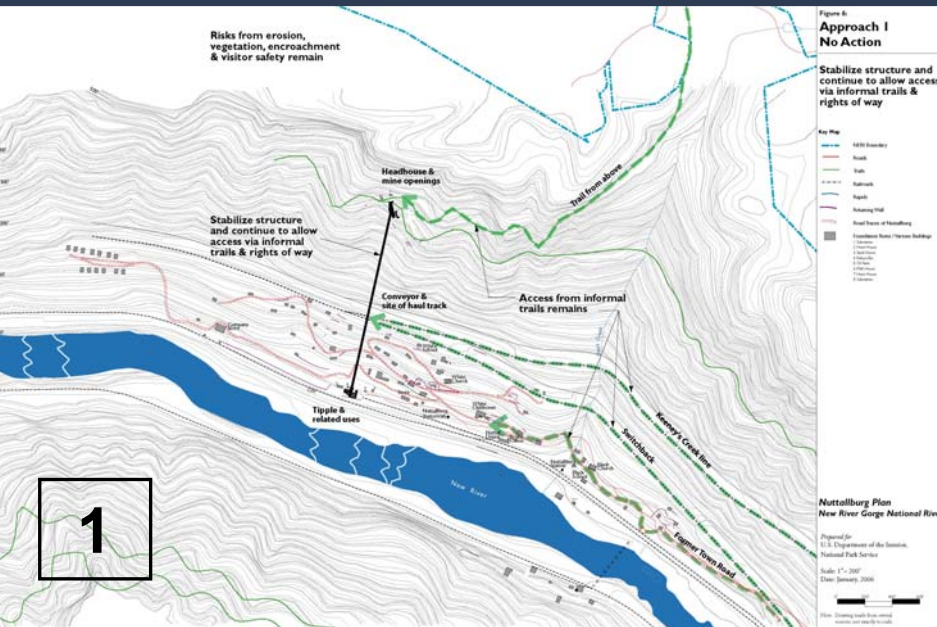
New River Gorge National River
General Management Plan





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Please tell us what you think by answering these questions:

- Which alternative (or parts of alternatives) best accomplishes your vision for Nuttallburg?
- What is it about each of the alternatives that appeals to you?

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